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New Atty Docket No.: 67134-5022**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**RECEIVED
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OCT 25 2006**The Non-Final Office Action**

In the above-mentioned non-final Office Action, claim 282 was rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,702,789 (Fernandez-Kirchberger) in view of PCT International Publication No. WO 95/34879 (Viby) and U.S. Patent 4,704,317 (Hickenbotham) and claims 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-281, 283 and 292-403 were allowed.

In response to the Office Action, claims 182, 196, 218, 221, 227, 276, 292 and 359 have been amended; claims 267, 268, 282, 307-358, 390-400, 402 and 403 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; and claims 404-480 have been added.

Brief Discussion of Claims

New independent claims 406, 409, 427, 436, 458, 461, 464, 469, 472, 473 and 475, with only minor clerical changes made to some of them, were discussed with Examiner Gray during the telephone interview of October 4, 2006 with Counsel and Dr. Ugolick. Examiner Gray agreed that all of these claims were allowable.

Referring to new claims 415, 427, 441, 464 and 475, a film, an internally positioned film and an extruded layer are disclosed, for example, by layer 204 in FIG. 9, 374c in FIG. 9A, 377c in FIG. 9B, 377d in FIG. 9B, and 204 in FIGS. 23, 24, 26 and 28.

Referring to new claims 412 and 461, a flexibility weakened line is disclosed, for example, by 460 in FIG. 20, and 496 in FIGS. 21, 22 and 23.

Referring to new claims 409 and 473 (the printable cards being arranged in a central area and a waste border surrounds the cards), claims 412 and 461 (a non-card waste frame), and claims 436 and 468 (business cards being arranged in a block and waste portions on first and second sides of the block) are disclosed, for example, in FIGS. 8, 11 and 27.

Referring to new claims 406, 452, 469, 472 and 478, cutting through a solid (outer) surface of the facestock sheet is disclosed, for example, at 600 in FIG. 25 (see also FIG. 11, for example).

Referring to new dependent claim 405, the liner strips being wider at the

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intersections is disclosed, for example, in FIG. 17.

To further assist the Examiner in her examination of the new claims introduced in this Amendment, the new claims are listed below with markings showing the changes from the corresponding previous allowable claims.

New Claim 406 – Amended Allowable Claim 267:

406. A method of forming a business card sheet construction, comprising:

providing a facestock sheet having a front side surface and a back side surface;

releasably adhering a liner sheet to the facestock sheet so that ~~[[it]]~~ the liner sheet covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;

forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through a solid outer surface of the facestock sheet and through the facestock sheet to the back side surface, but not through the liner sheet;

the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;

the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards; and

areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together when the business card sheet construction is fed into a printer or copier for a printing operation on the front side surface of the business cards and allowing the business cards to be removed from the liner sheet after the printing operation into individual printed business cards.

New Claim 409 – Amended Allowable Claim 267:

409. A method of forming a business card sheet construction, comprising:

providing a facestock sheet having a front side surface and a back side surface;

releasably adhering a liner sheet to the facestock sheet so that ~~[[it]]~~ the liner sheet covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;

forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through the facestock sheet to the back side surface, but not through the liner sheet;

the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;

the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards; ~~[[and]]~~

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areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together when the business card sheet construction is fed into a printer or copier for a printing operation on the front side surface of the business cards and allowing the business cards to be removed from the liner sheet after the printing operation into individual printed business cards;

the printable business cards being positioned in a central area of the facestock sheet; and

the through-cut lines defining a non-card waste border portion of the facestock sheet around the business cards.

New Claim 412 (Amended Allowable Claim 268):

412. A method of forming business cards, comprising:

providing a facestock sheet having a front side surface and a back side surface;

releasably adhering a liner sheet to the facestock sheet so that [[it]] the liner sheet covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;

forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through the facestock sheet to the back side surface, but not through the liner sheet;

the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;

the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards of a business card sheet construction;

at least some of the through-cut lines defining a facestock sheet non-card waste frame;

feeding the business card sheet construction into a printer or copier for a printing operation on [[the]] a front side surface of the business cards, areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together during the feeding and the printing operation; [[and]]

a flexibility weakened line in at least one of the facestock sheet and the liner sheet, extending inwardly from a sheet edge of the at least one of the facestock sheet and liner sheet and providing flexibility to the business card sheet construction as the business card sheet construction passes through the printer or copier during the feeding and printing operation; and

removing the business cards from the liner sheet after the feeding and printing operation to form individual printed business cards.

New Claim 415 – Amended Allowable Claim 307:

415. A method of forming a business card sheet construction, comprising:

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forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through a facestock sheet to a back side surface thereof, but not through-cut through a liner sheet, the liner sheet being releasably adhered to the facestock sheet so that [[it]] the liner sheet covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;

the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;

the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards; [[and]]

areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together when the business card sheet construction is fed into a printer or copier for a printing operation on a front side surface of the business cards and allowing the business cards to be removed from the liner sheet after the printing operation into individual printed business cards; and

the business card sheet construction including an internally positioned film layer.

New Claim 427 – Amended Allowable Claim 307:

427. A method of forming a business card sheet construction, comprising:

forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through a facestock sheet to a back side surface thereof, but not through-cut through a liner sheet, the liner sheet being releasably adhered to the facestock sheet so that [[it]] the liner sheet covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;

the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;

the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards; [[and]]

areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together when the business card sheet construction is fed into a printer or copier for a printing operation on a front side surface of the business cards and allowing the business cards to be removed from the liner sheet after the printing operation into individual printed business cards; and

the business card sheet construction including an extruded layer.

New Claim 436 – Amended Allowable Claim 307:

436. A method of forming a business card sheet construction, comprising:

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forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through a facestock sheet to a back side surface thereof, but not through-cut through a liner sheet, the liner sheet being releasably adhered to the facestock sheet so that [[it]] the liner sheet covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;

the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;

the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards; [[and]]

areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together when the business card sheet construction is fed into a printer or copier for a printing operation on a front side surface of the business cards and allowing the business cards to be removed from the liner sheet after the printing operation into individual printed business cards;

the printable business cards being arranged in a block; and

the through-cut lines forming a facestock sheet non-card waste first portion on a first side of the block and a facestock sheet non-card waste second portion on a second side of the block.

New Claim 441 – Amended Allowable Claim 347:

441. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:

cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;

the liner sheet construction covering at least a substantial portion of the facestock cut lines;

the sheet construction including an internally positioned film; and

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards having non-adhesive backs; the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween.

New Claim 452 – Amended Allowable Claim 347:

452. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:

cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet

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construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;

the cutting including cutting through a solid outer surface of the facestock sheet to form at least some of the facestock sheet cut lines;

the liner sheet construction covering at least a substantial portion of the facestock cut lines; and

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards having non-adhesive backs; the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween.

New Claim 458 – Amended Allowable Claim 347:

458. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:

cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;

the liner sheet construction covering at least a substantial portion of the facestock cut lines;

the printable cards being arranged in a block;

the cut lines forming a facestock sheet non-card waste first portion on a first side of the block and a facestock sheet non-card waste second portion on a second side of the block; and

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards having non-adhesive backs; the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween.

New Claim 461 – Amended Allowable Claim 347:

461. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:

cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;

the liner sheet construction covering at least a substantial portion of the facestock cut lines;

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at least some of the cut lines defining a facestock sheet non-card waste frame;

forming a flexibility weakened line in at least one of the facestock sheet and the liner sheet, extending inwardly from a sheet edge and providing printer/copier flexibility to the sheet construction; and

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards having non-adhesive backs; the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween.

New Claim 464 – Amended Allowable Claim 390:

464. A method of forming printable business cards, comprising:
cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining perimeters of printable business cards and a waste portion;

the sheet construction including an internally positioned film;

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable business cards, the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable business cards on each of the sheets, and the waste portion surrounding the printable business cards; and

wherein portions of a back side of the facestock sheet form back sides of the printable business cards.

New Claim 469 – Amended Allowable Claim 390:

469. A method of forming printable business cards, comprising:
cutting through a solid surface of and through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining perimeters of printable business cards and a waste portion;

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable business cards, the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable business cards on each of the sheets, and the waste portion surrounding the printable business cards; and

wherein portions of a back side of the facestock sheet form back sides of the printable business cards.

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New Atty Docket No.: 67134-5022New Claim 472 – Amended Allowable Claim 400:

472. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:
cutting through a solid surface of a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction[.];
the cutting including cutting through the facestock sheet, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;
sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards; the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween; and
wherein the cards each comprise a single-piece printable business card.

New Claim 473 – Amended Allowable Claim 400:

473. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:
cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;
the printable cards being in a central area of the facestock sheet;
the cut lines defining a non-card waste border portion of the facestock sheet around all of the printable cards;
sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards;
the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween; and
wherein the cards each comprise a single-piece printable business card.

New Claim 475 – Amended Allowable Claim 402:

475. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:
cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet

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construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;

the sheet construction including an internally positioned film;

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards;

the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween;

wherein the sheet construction ~~comprises~~ comprising a web; and before the cutting and the sheeting, unwinding the web off of a roll.

New Claim 478 – Amended Allowable Claim 402:

478. A method of forming printable cards, comprising:

cutting through a facestock sheet of a sheet construction, which includes a liner sheet construction and the facestock sheet attached to the liner sheet construction, but not through-cut through the liner sheet construction, to form facestock cut lines defining at least in part perimeters of printable cards;

the cutting including cutting through a solid surface of the facestock sheet to form at least some of the facestock cut lines;

sheeting the sheet construction into a plurality of printable card sheets, each of the sheets including a plurality of the printable cards;

the cards defining a card matrix including a plurality of rows and columns of the printable cards on each of the sheets, and the cards in the matrix directly abut cards in adjacent rows and columns, separated only by the facestock cut line therebetween;

wherein the sheet construction ~~comprises~~ comprising a web; and before the cutting and the sheeting, unwinding the web off of a roll.

Concluding Remarks

As all of the claims now pending are in allowable condition, issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order.

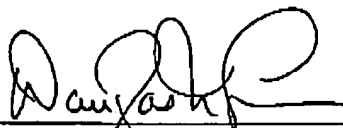
If there are any remaining issues, Examiner Gray is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicants at (310) 785-5384 to seek to resolve them.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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